




Benton, NH Annual Report

2014

Annual Report of Town Officers and Benton School District



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Year Ending December 31 2014

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A Message from John...

Fellow citizens, these will be my final comments as a Selectman. For the past year, I have been working with the Haitian Health Foundation in Jérémie, Haiti, helping them install large solar power systems for their two hospitals. The projects are still underway and will not be completed until late this year.

I am not with you today because I'm in Haiti working on the systems now. The work will keep me out of the country for months at a time, which means that I won't be here to serve the citizens of Benton. Thus, I will resign my position as Selectman, effective 10 March 2015.

It has been a privilege to get to know you and the history of the town. Although being a Selectman does have its strenuous moments, it has been a rewarding job.

Many thanks to all who have supported me and the Select Board over the last 5 years. Perhaps I will be able to serve again, sometime in the future.

Thanks and good luck.

John Hassell

Benton Town Officers

		Term	Expires
Board of Selectmen	John Hassell*	3 yrs.	2016
	Aaron Goodwin	3 yrs.	2017
	Elena Chevalier	3 yrs.	2015

Note : John Hassell will resign as Selectman due to his increased foreign travel schedule. His position will be open for another candidate.

Moderator	Gilbert Richardson	2 yrs.	2015
Treasurer	Joyce Hassell	1 yr.	2015
Auditor	Robert Steel	1 yr.	2015
Tax Collector	Michael Stiebitz	1 yr.	2015
Town Clerk	Michael Stiebitz	1 yr.	2015
Supervisors of the Checklist	Arthur Christopher	3 yrs.	2017
	Stephanie Saffo	3 yrs.	2015
	Katherine Plachetzki	3 yrs.	2016
Ballot Clerk	Lynne Toher	1 yr.	2015
Ballot Inspector	Maxine Tyler	1 yr.	2015
Surveyor of Wood and Lumber	Joseph Boutin, Jr.	1 yr.	2015
Trustee of the Trust Funds	Laura Richardson	3 yrs.	2017
	Mark Elliott	3 yrs.	2015
	Martin Noble	3 yrs.	2016
Planning Board	Kenneth Kealey	5 yrs.	2016
	Richard Saffo, Sr.	5 yrs.	2017
	Martin Noble	5 yrs.	2014
	Wayne Chevalier	5 yrs.	2015
Sexton	Kevin Mason	1 yr.	2014

Selectmen's Comments

The Benton web site is now up and running. The address is: www.tobentonnh.org. Thanks to Dwight Swauger (Tweety) for his tireless work to get the site working properly.

The Selectmen can be reached by email at: bentonnhselectmen@gmail.com.

The power line to the water is now properly buried. Sorry it took so long.

Perhaps you have noticed that the street light across the street from the Town Hall has been turned so that it shines on the parking lot.

If you have business to be brought before the Select Board, please stop by the weekly meeting. The Selectmen meet every Monday – with the exception of holidays - at 6.30 PM at the Benton Town Hall. The meeting is informal and does not follow a prepared agenda.

Feb.17, 2014

Annual Town Meeting Warrant

March 10, 2015

Town of Benton

To the inhabitants of the Town of Benton qualified to vote in Town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Benton Community Building in said Benton on the second Tuesday of March next, the 10th, at seven o'clock in the evening.

When the town meeting opens, qualified voters will be asked to vote and act upon the following subjects:

ARTICLE 1. To choose persons for the following positions and terms of service.

<u>Position</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Expires</u>
Selectman	1 year	2016
Note: This will fill the remaining year of John Hassell's position		
Selectman	3 years	2018
Moderator	1 year	2016
Treasurer	1 year	2016
Auditor	1 year	2016
Town Clerk	1 year	2016
Tax Collector	1 year	2016

<u>Position</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Expires</u>
Ballot Clerk	1 year	2016
Ballot Inspector	1 year	2016
Surveyor of Wood and Lumber	1 year	2016
Sexton	1 year	2016

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to accept the reports of the officers and agents as printed.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$48,100.00 for general Municipal Operations.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$10,000 to be placed in the Capital Reserve Fund for Roads. The Selectmen recommend this article.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$100 to the existing Benton Fire Trust Capital Reserve Fund. Said funds to come from Unassigned Fund balance. The Selectmen recommend this article.

A True Copy – Attest
Selectmen of Benton

John Hassell *John Hassell*

Elena Chevalier *Elena Chevalier*

Aaron Goodwin

Budget & Summary Analysis – Revenues

Source	Estimated 2014	Received 2014	Estimated 2015
Property Taxes	\$330,000.00	\$299,049.00	\$391,601.00
Timber Taxes	\$5,000.00	\$8,046.00	\$5,000.00
Interest and Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	\$1,000.00	\$7,001.59	\$1,000.00
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	\$44,000.00	\$50,224	\$47,500.00
Vital Records Searches	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Bounced check fees	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Building Permits	\$330.00	\$55.00	\$330.00
Pistol Permits	\$100.00	\$445.00	\$100.00
Dog Licenses	\$100.00	\$419.50	\$400.00
Rental of Town Hall	\$400.00	\$25.00	\$100.00
Energy Grant(s)	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Shared Revenues	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Meals and Rooms Tax Distribution	\$0.00	\$16,557.06	\$16,500.00
Highway Block Grant	\$16,500.00	\$12,779.20	\$12,900.00
State & Federal Forest Land Reimbursement	\$12,900.00	\$57,833.00	\$59,000.00
Interest on Investment	\$59,000.00	\$144.15	\$190.00
From Capital Reserve Funds	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00
Totals	\$479,430.00	\$462,578.50	\$534,621.00

Note: The Forest Service cutting contract in the WMNF is now underway. We may receive some revenue from the timber, but we don't know when or how much. Therefore, we can't include any estimates in the anticipated revenues.

Budget & Summary Analysis – Expenditures

Expenditures					
2014 Reconciliation Summary					Proposed
Account	Charge Point	Budget	Spent	Balance	2015
4130	Executive - Staff Salaries	11,500.00	8,127.87	3,372.13	11,500.00
4140	Election Expenses	5,000.00	1,350.00	3,650.00	0.00
4150	Financial Admin.	9,500.00	4,221.94	5,278.06	9,500.00
4152	Revaluation of Property	5,800.00	5,844.78	-44.78	5,800.00
4153	Legal Expenses	2,000.00	529.31	1,470.69	2,000.00
4155	Personnel Admin.	1,200.00	1,514.70	-314.70	1,200.00
4193	Planning & Zoning	200.00	0.00	200.00	200.00
4194	Gov't Buildings	5,000.00	3,710.08	1,289.92	5,000.00
4195	Cemeteries	500.00	1,108.20	-608.20	1,300.00
4196	Insurance	2,000.00	1,823.00	177.00	2,000.00
4197	Ads & Regional Assoc.	2,700.00	2,913.11	-213.11	2,700.00
4199	Avitar SW	4,500.00	4,284.48	215.52	1,800.00
4210	Police	4,000.00	0.00	4,000.00	4,000.00
4215	Ambulance	4,500.00	3,162.50	1,337.50	4,500.00
4220	Fire	7,500.00	3,750.00	3,750.00	7,500.00
4299	Other Public Safety	2,300.00	6,505.50	-4,205.50	2,300.00
4312	Highways & Streets	70,000.00	77,950.55	-7,950.55	70,000.00
4316	Street Lighting	250.00	253.74	-3.74	500.00
4319	Other - Streets	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
4414	Pest Control	1,000.00	191.13	808.87	1,000.00
4441	Admin. & Dir. Assist.	1,000.00	926.30	73.70	1,000.00
4442	Direct Assistance	500.00	0.00	500.00	500.00
4444	Inter gov't welfare pymts	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
4445	Vendor Pymts & Other	1,200.00	900.00	300.00	1,200.00
4723	Interest on Tax Note	500.00	0.00	500.00	500.00
4915	To CRF for Fire & Roads	10,100.00	10,100.00	0.00	10,100.00
Totals		\$154,750.00	\$139,167.19	\$15,582.81	\$148,100.00

Warrant Article 6:	\$3,000.00	\$220.50	\$2,779.50	\$0.00
Warrant Article 7:	\$10,000.00	\$9,427.03	\$572.97	\$0.00

Note: Warrant Article 7 funds were from the Capital Reserve Fund for roads.

Report of the Treasurer

Property Taxes (Year 2011)

Principal	2,761.76
Interest	816.30
Total 2011:	3,578.06

Property Taxes (Year 2012)

Principal	805.67
Interest	224.07
Total 2012:	1,029.74

Property Taxes (Year 2013)

Principal	299,826.85
Interest	2,072.03
Penalties	114.00
Liens	3,565.14
Interest	185.71
Taxes Bought by Town	10,884.00
Interest	916.04
Penalties	347.50
Total 2013:	317,911.27

Property Taxes (Year 2014)

Principal	15,002.93
Credits	9,021.14
Yield Tax	71.28
Total 2014:	24,095.35

Received from the Tax Collector:	346,614.42
Abatements Paid by Town:	
Cash	(2,300.00)
Principal	(1,440.36)
Interest	(9.48)
Total:	(3,749.84)
Received from the Town Clerk:	
Motor Vehicle Permits/Transfers	49,407.00
Vital Statistics – State of New Hampshire	85.00
Dog Licenses Issued	382.50
UCC Payment from State of N.H.	30.00
Total from Town Clerk:	49,904.50
Received from the Selectmen:	
Pistol Permits	110.00
Hall Rental	50.00
Avitar – Reimbursement of 15% Surcharge	140.85
Sale of Municipal Property	15,143.32
Total from the Selectmen:	15,444.17
Received from State and Federal Sources:	
State of New Hampshire – Highway Block Grant	12,981.76
State of New Hampshire – Rooms and Meals Grant	17,982.64
U.S. Department of the Interior (PILT)	61,125.00
State of New Hampshire – Checklist	125.00
State of New Hampshire – Emergency Operations Plan	4,995.00
Total from State and Federal Sources:	97,209.40

Received from CRF for Roads (Article 7):	10,000.00
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Operating Account:

Receipts for 2014	515,422.65
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Bank Interest	107.25
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Total Receipts for 2014	515,529.90
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Cash on Hand as of 1/1/14	197,360.84
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Less Selectmen's Orders for 2014	644,930.25
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Year-end Total Cash:	67,960.49
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Account 30502 – Yield Account:

Cash on Hand as of 1/1/14	7,211.88
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Deposits	451.00
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Interest	3.65
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Withdrawals	0.00
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Year-end Yield Account Balance:	7,666.53
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Select Money Market Account:

Cash on Hand as of 1/1/14	25,466.71
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Interest	151.78
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Deposit – Repayment of School Loan	70,000.00
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Year-end Yield Account Balance:	95,618.49
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Respectfully Submitted

Joyce K. Hassell – Treasurer

Payments by the Selectmen

Selectmen:

Salaries	Total:	8,127.87
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Financial Administration:

General Office Expenses	205.94
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Grafton County Register of Deeds	51.96
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Notices	210.60
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Town Report	1,385.60
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Town Meeting	95.00
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Clerk Fees	800.50
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Tax Collector Expenses	995.65
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Legal Expenses	477.35
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N.H. Tax Collectors' Association Spring Workshop	50.00
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State of N.H. Vital Statistics	45.00
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Elections	1,305.00
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Total:	5,622.60
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Town Hall:

Fairpoint Communications	469.89
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N.H. Electric Co-op	816.48
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General Repairs	120.00
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Dead River Company:

Propane	1,438.88
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1 Yr. LP Furnace Plan	264.95
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Total:	3,110.20
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Payments by the Selectmen (cont'd)

Cemeteries:

Salaries & Expenses	Total:	1,108.20
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Insurance:

Local Government Center		1,448.00
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Local Government Center/Workers' Comp.		250.00
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Property Liability Trust/Workers' Comp.		125.00
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Total:	1,823.00
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Regional Associations:

N.H. Assoc. of Tax Collectors:		20.00
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N.H. Assoc. of Assessing Officers		20.00
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N.H. Municipal Association		950.00
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North Country Council		346.91
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Total:	1,336.91
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Woodsville Ambulance:

2014 Service	Total:	3,162.50
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Dispatch Service:

Grafton County Sheriff's Department	Total:	1,510.50
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Emergency Plan:

Mapping and Planning Solutions	Total:	4,995.00
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Fire Protection:

Twin State Mutual		1,250.00
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Haverhill Corner/North Haverhill Fire Dept.		2,500.00
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Total:	3,750.00
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Payments by the Selectmen (cont'd)

Animal Control:

Animal Control Officer Expenses, IDS, St. of N.H.

Animal Population Control	Total:	191.13
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Roads:

Elliott & Sons Construction	68,849.00
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(Attributed to Article 7 – 6,255.00)

Materials and Supplies	9,101.55
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(Attributed to Article 7 – 3,613.03)

Total:	77,950.55
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Town Hall:

Computer:

Avitar Software & Annual Support (Year 2)	4,275.00
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Avitar 2015 Software Support	2,054.85
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Wildblue Service	599.88
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Total:	6,929.73
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Welfare:

Grafton Co. Senior Citizen Council	400.00
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New Hampshire Elec. Co-op	253.74
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Northern Human Services	576.30
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Tri County Community Action	500.00
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North Country Home Health & Hospice	350.00
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Total:	2,080.04
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Social Security & Medicare:	Total:	1,514.70
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Payments by the Selectmen (cont'd)

Assessing:

Steve M. Allen:

General Assessing Services	5,640.00
Replace Lost Check #7894 (12/16/13)	1,226.00
Expenses	204.78
Total:	7,070.78
Transfer of Funds to CRF for Roads:	Total: 10,000.00
Transfer of Funds to CRF for Fire:	Total: 100.00
Transfer of Funds to Money Market Account:	Total: 70,000.00
Schools:	Total: 382,850.00
Taxes Bought by Town:	Total: 12,147.54
Taxes Paid by Town:	Total: 39,549.00
Checks Written:	Total: 644,930.25

Selectmen of Benton: John W. Hassell, Aaron Goodwin, Elena Chevalier

Report of Clerk to Treasurer - Benton, New Hampshire

Year End Totals for 2014

Date: 12/31/2014

Motor Vehicle Permits Issued (421):	\$49,407.00
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Dog Licenses Issued and Fines Collected (58/0):	\$382.50
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Marriage Licenses Issued (0):	\$0.00
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Vital Record Searches (6):	\$85.00
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Reimbursement from State:	\$0.00
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Reimbursed bounced check:	\$0.00
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Total Collected by Town Clerk for 2014	\$49,874.50
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Motor Vehicle Permits Issued (421):	\$49,407.00
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Dog Licenses Issued and Fines Collected (58/0):	\$382.50
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Marriage Licenses Issued (0):	\$0.00
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Vital Record Searches (6):	\$85.00
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Reimbursement from State:	\$0.00
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Reimbursed bounced check:	\$0.00
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Total Submitted to Treasurer by Town Clerk for 2014	\$49,874.50
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Motor Vehicles:	\$743.50
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Dog Licenses Issued and Fines Collected (58/0):	\$29.00
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Vital Record Searches (6):	\$28.00
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Total Billed to Town by Town Clerk for 2014	\$800.50
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Michael Stiebitz, Town Clerk

End of Year Overview

2015	Credit	Debit
Prepay for 2015 Taxes (Unassigned)	(\$257.25)	
Interest on 2014 Tax payment		\$0.07
Overpayments/Refunds		\$2,803.97
2014	Credit	Debit
Taxes Committed This Year:		\$391,601.10
Yield Taxes		\$71.28
2014 Taxes prepaid in 2013	(\$1,211.41)	(\$1,211.41)
Taxes Collected & Sent to Treasurer:		
Property Taxes	\$138,179.97	
Interest on 2014 Tax Payment	\$0.07	
Yield Taxes	\$71.28	
Subtotal	\$137,039.91	
Taxes Uncollected at year's end	\$255,270.94	
Refunds issued	\$0.00	
2014 Totals	\$393,265.01	\$393,265.01

2013	Credit	Debit
Taxes Uncollected at Beginning of 2014		\$311,016.47
Interest on Delinquent Taxes & Fees		\$3,449.57
Property Taxes	\$299,049.64	
Interest on Delinquent Taxes & Fees	\$3,449.57	
Conversion to Lien (principle only)	\$10,884.00	
Refund Abatements	\$936.39	\$936.39
Abatements Granted	\$1,082.83	
2013 Totals	\$315,402.43	\$315,402.43

2013 Lien	Credit	Debit
Liens Executed During 2014		\$12,147.54
Interest on Delinquent Taxes & Fees		\$185.71
Redemptions	\$3,565.14	
Interest & Fees	\$185.71	
Liens Deeded to Town		
Unredeemed Lien Bal. at end of 2014	\$8,582.40	
2013 Totals	\$12,333.25	\$12,333.25

2012 Lien	Credit	Debit
Unredeemed Liens Bal. at Beginning of 2014		\$4,984.00
Interest on Delinquent Taxes & Fees		\$224.07
Redemptions	\$805.67	
Interest & Fees	\$224.07	
Liens Deeded to Town		
Unredeemed Lien Bal. at end of 2014	\$4,178.33	
2012 Totals	\$5,208.07	\$5,208.07

2011 Lien	Credit	Debit
Unredeemed Liens Bal. at Beginning of 2014		\$3,069.37
Interest on Delinquent Taxes & Fees		\$816.30
Redemptions	\$2,761.76	
Interest & Fees	\$816.30	
Liens Deeded to Town		
Unredeemed Lien Bal. at end of 2014	\$307.61	
2011 Totals	\$3,885.67	\$3,885.67

Total funds delivered to Treasurer in 2014	\$459,993.18
Refunded Credits	\$2,803.97
Net funds delivered to Treasurer in 2014	\$457,189.21

Notes from the Town Clerk

2014 was another quiet year in Benton, with no natural disasters rearing their ugly heads.

My thanks go out to all of the folks who make up our Election Staff. You helped us make three separate elections in 2014 go smoothly and efficiently. Without your dedication and hard work, I know that the Moderator and I would have gotten home much later after the Elections.

Also, the ladies of the Beautify Benton Committee have once again kept the Town Building shipshape, despite the onslaught of cluster flies, parking lot sand, and general grime. In addition, they kept all of us well fed during the long days of each election, though some of us needed another hole in our belts the next day ;) Thank you very much for your hard work!

I need to recognize an especially hard working and dedicated lady whose seemingly boundless energy and resourcefulness gives our Town Building and cemeteries that something extra. Stef Saffo is always spearheading the cleaning, cooking, and decorating drives, including the yearly Memory Tree down at the Town Building. She makes sure there are flags at the cemeteries for the veterans, wreaths on the gates and the walkways during the Christmas season, as well as candle lamps in the windows of the recently renovated Town Building, lending an air of Currier and Ives to the hall. We are extremely fortunate to have Stef "working" for us! Thank you Stef!

One last note on dogs: all owners of dogs over 4 months old must license them each year before April 30th. After May 30th, any license fee which remains unpaid can be increased by \$1.00 per month. Please make every effort this year to get your dogs licensed before April 30th.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Stiebitz

Michael P. Stiebitz,

Town Clerk

Vital Statistics for 2014 Benton, NH

Deaths

Died

Arlene Lyndes	(Glenclyff Home)	01/30/2014
Robert Provencal	(Glenclyff Home)	02/04/2014
Peter Vertigans	(Glenclyff Home)	04/04/2014
Chester Bailey	(Glenclyff Home)	04/08/2014
Catherine "Kitty" Elliott	Benton	05/13/2014
Sharon Baldner	(Glenclyff Home)	05/26/2014
Wilbur Chamberlain	(Glenclyff Home)	05/31/2014
James Belden	(Glenclyff Home)	06/20/2014
Charles Cornellier	(Glenclyff Home)	07/07/2014
Fred Heath	(Glenclyff Home)	07/11/2014
Evelyn Alberta Dunleavy	(Glenclyff Home)	07/28/2014
Ermioney Bouras	(Glenclyff Home)	09/25/2014
Donald J. Moreno	(Glenclyff Home)	10/17/2014

Marriages

Births

March 13, 2014	Arabella Rose Harris, daughter of Kristina and Richard Harris, in Littleton, NH
July 17, 2014	Bronwyn Gladys, daughter of Bonnie and Nicholas Snyder, in Littleton, NH

Annual Town Meeting Warrant

Town of Benton

Grafton S.S. March 11, 2014

The Town Meeting was opened at 7:00PM by the Moderator, Gil Richardson. A motion was then made to recess to the School District meeting. The motion was seconded, and by voice vote, the Town Meeting was recessed to the School District meeting. The School District meeting was then recessed in order for the Election Officials to tally the ballots for the State Special Election.

At 7:50PM, after the School meeting finished, the Town Meeting was reconvened. Laurie Elliott requested that the Pledge of Allegiance be recited and the assembly complied.

Gil mentioned that we should also recognize those among the townspeople who have served our country in the Armed Forces. He requested that any past or present veterans stand up and be recognized. The veterans stood and were applauded by the rest of the assembly.

John Hassell thanked the Beautify Benton Committee for their financial support to the Town Building residing effort. He also thanked Daniel Elliott for stepping up and filling the temporary Selectman vacancy after Jeremy Elliott resigned last Fall.

ARTICLE 1. To choose persons for the following positions and terms of service.

The following Town Officers were elected after a voice vote:

Treasurer 1 Yr Term Joyce K. Hassell

Auditor 1 Yr Term Robert Steel

Town Clerk 1 Yr Term Michael P. Stiebitz

Tax Collector 1 Yr Term Michael P. Stiebitz

Ballot Clerk 1 Yr Term Lynne Toher

Ballot Inspector 1 Yr Term Maxine Tyler

Supervisor of the Checklist 3 Yr Term Katherine Plachetzki

Surveyor of Wood & Lumber 1 Yr Term Joseph N. Boutin Jr.

Sexton 1 Yr Term Kevin Mason

Trustee of the Trust Funds 3 Yr Term Laura Richardson

Three candidates expressed interest in the open Selectman's position: 2 Aaron Goodwin was nominated as a candidate. Aaron said that some folks had approached him a while ago to throw his hat in the ring. He stated that he believes that everyone in town should share responsibility for the Town's government and so he decided to run.

John Elliott nominated his son Daniel to the position. He stated that Dan had taken on the extra responsibility when Jeremy resigned and no one else stepped up. Dan stated that he is a life-long resident of Benton and also believes that we all should share responsibility for running the Town's affairs. He commended John Hassell and Elena Chevalier for taking their places on the Selectboard, despite the fact that they are relatively new to Benton.

The final candidate, Samuel Gregory, was nominated by his wife, Linda. Sam stated that he too, is a life-long Benton resident and he is also a veteran. He also admitted that the Selectman's salary was another motivation.

Dick Paquin asked if there is a written job description for the various positions in Town Government. John Hassell stated that Dwight Swauger had volunteered to maintain the Town's Website. John intends that there will be a section of the site devoted to job descriptions as well as a posting area for volunteer opportunities.

At this point, paper ballots were distributed to the eligible voters for the vote. The Moderator and Town Clerk collected the marked ballots and tallied the vote. There were 39 votes with one abstention. (Gil abstained in case his vote was needed to break a tie.) Aaron Goodwin was the winner.

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to accept the reports of the officers and agents as printed. Motion made to accept article as written, seconded and passed by a voice vote. Laura Richardson, chairwoman of the Trustees of Trust Funds, shared her plan to maintain any of the funds which become in danger of being classified as "Dormant" by the State of NH. Presently she sponsors a Warrant Article which authorizes \$100 to be deposited into each such fund account. In the future, she will transfer a token amount out of each such account, and then redeposit it at a later date, thus keeping the account "Active" for purposes of the State.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$143,850 for General Municipal Operations.

Motion made to accept as written, seconded, and discussion ensued.

John Hassell stated that some of the amounts in "red" on Page 10 the Town Report represent monies that were supposed to be paid out in 2013 but were not disbursed until 2014. Laura Richardson stated that there is a bill in the NH Legislature which would eliminate payments for one year coming from the next. In other words, this shouldn't happen again. She also pointed out that some of the monies that are requested for beefing up the Trust Funds may seem unnecessary but there do arise expensive projects when having a cushion in the Trust Funds can even out the potential spike in the following year's tax rate.

Stef Saffo remarked that some projects need to be taken care of in a timelier manner if the Town wants to decrease unnecessary expenditures. She related the fact that the almost new propane water heater had to be flushed out because the well casing had been left open and sand from the parking lot had entered. On the same subject, she pointed out that the electrical line feeding the well remains on the surface of the ground.

John Elliott pointed out that the septic system for the Town Building is vulnerable to damage if vehicles drive over the side lawn.

Stef stated that the Beautify Benton Committee would like to erect some sort of decorative fence on that side of the building to hide the propane tank, and it could be constructed so that it also restricted vehicular access to the septic system.

John Hassell talked about the imminent departure of the Wild Blue internet connection which will be replaced later this Spring with DSL from Fairpoint. It will not only be much faster, have no download restrictions, no appreciable latency, and it will cost less.

He also talked some more about the website and our new volunteer webmaster, Dwight Swauger. He said that one of the website's functions will be to alert townsfolk to upcoming volunteering opportunities. One such opportunity is the burying of the well pump cabling. He asked for someone to head up that project and Dan Elliott volunteered.

John also pointed out that one new and ongoing expenditure is the software support for the Assessing and Tax Collect programs. Laura Richardson mentioned that we have approximately \$3000 in a Trust Fund allocated to "Reassessment". Since that project is over and done with, she suggested using it next year for defraying the software support costs. John agreed to look into it.

An additional expenditure in 2014 is the \$5,000 line item for four elections. A Special Election Primary and Special Election to fill Ray Burton's seat, and a Primary and General Election for State-wide offices.

Motion was made to accept, the motion was seconded and the article was passed by a voice vote.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$10,000 to be placed in the Capital Reserve Fund for Roads. The Selectmen recommend this article.

Motion made to accept article as written, seconded, and passed on a voice vote. 4

ARTICLE 5. To see if the town will vote to appropriate \$100 to the existing Benton Fire Trust Capital Reserve Fund. Said funds to come from Unreserved Fund balance. Selectmen recommended this article. Majority vote is necessary to pass.

Motion made to accept article as written, seconded, and discussion ensued. As recounted earlier in the Meeting, Laura will use a procedure from now on which will obviate the need for this type of article on future Warrants. The article was then passed by a unanimous voice vote.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$3000.00 for materials to build and stain a small deck and steps for the side door for the Town Hall; to paint remaining areas on the building; to landscape around the building; etc. Said funds to come from the Unassigned Fund balance. A workday will be scheduled for volunteers to complete the work. The Selectmen recommend this article.

Motion made to accept article as written, seconded, and discussion ensued. John Hassell spelled out his vision for the landscaping improvements: some sort of barriers or fencing around the building, grass planted where the old sand/salt pile had been, privacy fences around the septic tank and some sort of protection around the septic system area. He reiterated that in order to keep Town expenditures as low as possible, volunteer labor is needed for these projects. Once the website is up

and maintained, it will be much easier to communicate these opportunities to the townsfolk. Aaron Goodwin agreed to help and oversee the deck/steps project, as well as the trim repainting. The article was then passed by a unanimous voice vote.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the town will vote to appropriate a maximum of \$10,000.00 for the installation and replacement of 120' of culvert, 160' of underdrain, 120' of jersey barrier, to replace old guard rail on Tunnel Stream Rd., and ditch work and drainage. The scope of this work is over and above regular maintenance work. The effort will reduce the cost of materials and labor for routine roads maintenance by making long-term repairs in areas with know repeat problems. Said funds to come from the Capital Reserve Fund for Roads. The Selectmen recommend this article.

Motion made to accept article as written, seconded, and discussion ensued. Dan Elliott explained that the guard rail above the Davis Brook Bridge is all but disintegrated and the Town could face liability issues. He has proposed installing concrete jersey barriers from the bridge up around the corner. Rich Saffo has agreed to supply them to the Town at a reduced cost.

The culverts that Dan proposes to replace are some that have been in the ground "forever" and need to be replaced because they are failing. There are others that need to be re-installed over an underdrain to assure proper drainage during the sub-zero winter conditions we have been experiencing. He stated that he has had to spend quite a bit of time keeping several of the 5 existing culverts thawed this winter, specifically the one at the end of Flanders Rd and the one across Tunnel Stream Rd. past Chet Berglund's property.

He will also use this appropriation to put underdrain under the "spring" area on Tunnel Stream Rd. to keep the ice from forming there.

In response to a question regarding the severe bumps on the hill on Tunnel Stream Rd., he said that since the underdrain in those areas is still working, that is, no water is leaking out of the roadway, he will continue to fill in the depressions with sand until the ground thaws.

John Elliott took the opportunity to bring up his concern about potential liability issues stemming from the lack of a sign on the Easton end of Tunnel Stream Rd. declaring the road "Not Maintained for Winter Travel." Dan related that recently a Toyota pickup tried to make it over the snow barrier that he pushes up at our end of Tunnel Stream Rd. despite the sign 10' away stating the obvious.

The article was then passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Although there was no Article 8 concerning other business, John Hassell brought up the topic of hiring a part-time police officer to provide better coverage for the Town than the State Police can supply. Zach Chicoine is currently finishing his certification and will be working part-time for the Town of Franconia and has offered his extra hours to Benton on an as-needed basis.

Lara Saffo offered to work with the Selectmen with respect to rules and regulations concerning part-time police services and any issues surrounding having our own law enforcement presence.

As all of the scheduled business had been attended to, a motion was made to adjourn the Town Meeting, it was seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:50PM on a voice vote.

Afterwards, all of the newly elected officials and agents present were sworn in by Selectman John Hassell.

A True Copy – Attest

Michael P. Stiebitz Town Clerk of Benton

Michael P. Stiebitz Dated: 3-17-2014

Report of the Trustees of the Trust Funds
For the Year Ending December 31, 2014

Funds donated to the Town of Benton are in the custody of the Trustees. Donations are distributed as specified by the donors. Woodsville Guaranty Savings Bank in Woodsville, NH holds all funds.

Year 2014 Donations – Cemetery Trust

Roger Stearns - \$50.00
Michael + Lynnè Toher - \$150.00
Wayne + Elena Chevalier - \$225.00
Treasurers Check Deposit - \$581.90

Status of the Funds is as follows:

Trust Fund Savings

Woodsville Guaranty Savings # 617453	\$ 1,540.16
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Cemetery/Common Trust Fund

Woodsville Guaranty Savings # 662141	\$14,705.09
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Capital Reserve Fund - Highways/Roads

Woodsville Guaranty Savings # 655898	\$60,163.44
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Capital Reserve Fund – Fires

Woodsville Guaranty Savings # 617456	\$ 4,826.44
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Revaluation Trust Fund

Woodsville Guaranty Savings #655901	\$ 3,031.61
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Expendable Trust – Schools

Woodsville Guaranty Savings #659291	\$92,890.26
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TOTAL HELD IN TRUST
BY THE TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUND = \$177,157.00

Respectfully submitted, Trustees of the Trust Fund
Laura Richardson, Chair
Martin Noble
Mark Elliott

ANNUAL REPORT
of the
BENTON SCHOOL DISTRICT
July 1, 2013- June 30, 2014

DISTRICT OFFICERS

SCHOOL BOARD

Wayne Chevalier, CHAIR	Term Expires 2016
Kristina Harris	Term Expires 2015
Joseph Boutin III	Term Expires 2017

OTHER DISTRICT OFFICERS

Gilbert Richardson.....	Moderator
Maxine Tyler.....	Treasurer
Robert Steel.....	Auditor
Michael Stiebitz.....	Clerk

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Bruce C. Labs

BENTON SCHOOL DISTRICT

**SCHOOL WARRANT
STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**

To the inhabitants of the School District of Benton in the County of Grafton, State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote in district affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said district on the 10th day of March 2015, at 7:00 o'clock in the evening to act upon the following subjects:

ARTICLE 1: To choose a Moderator for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 2: To choose a School District Clerk for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 3: To choose one School Board Member for a term of three years to expire in 2018.

ARTICLE 4: To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 5: To choose an Auditor for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 6: To hear reports of Agents, Committees, or Officers chosen and pass any vote related thereto.

ARTICLE 7: To see what sum of money the district will raise and appropriate for the support of schools, for the payment of salaries of school district officials and agents, and for the payment of statutory obligations of the district. This article is exclusive of any other article on the warrant. (The school board recommends \$573,240.00)

ARTICLE 8: To see if the school district will vote to raise and appropriate up to twenty-five thousand (\$25,000) dollars to be added to the previously established Benton Tuition and Education Expendable Trust Fund, such amount to be funded from the year-end undesignated fund balance available on June 30, 2015. (The school board recommends this article.)

ARTICLE 9: To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands at said Benton this 26th day of January, 2015

A True Copy of Warrant – Attest:

Wayne Chevalier, Chairman

Joseph Boutin III

Kristina Harris

BENTON SCHOOL BOARD

**BENTON SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING
SCHOOL WARRANT**

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
MARCH 11, 2014**

The meeting opened at 7:01 PM and was recessed until the votes from the Special Election could be tallied. The meeting was reconvened at 7:20 PM.

ARTICLE 1:

To choose a Moderator for the ensuing year.

Gilbert W. Richardson was elected by voice vote.

ARTICLE 2:

To choose a School District Clerk for the ensuing year.

Michael P. Stiebitz was elected by voice vote.

ARTICLE 3:

To choose one School Board Member for a term of three years to expire in 2017.

Although there was a discrepancy on the Warrant stating that Wayne Chevalier's seat was vacant,

the vacancy was for Joe Boutin's seat. Joe was re-elected by voice vote.

ARTICLE 4:

To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.

Maxine Tyler was elected by voice vote.

ARTICLE 5:

To choose an Auditor for the ensuing year.

Pat Amsden stated that as of last year, Plodsik & Sanderson PA have been retained to audit the Benton District's books. This alleviates the problems inherent in trying to have a local auditor become familiar and stay current with the regulations and requirements promulgated by the Department of Revenue. The auditing is funded through a \$700 line item in the budget. There are several other Districts within the SAU which have outsourced the Auditor function.

Motion to accept the outsourcing of the School Auditor position was made, seconded and passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 6:

To hear reports of Agents, Committees, or Officers chosen and pass any vote related thereto.

Motion made to accept article as written, seconded and discussion ensued.

Bruce Labs thanked the Benton School board for all their support and attention over the years. He highlighted some of the initiatives that are ongoing in the system. The Middle School now has a Foreign Language offering and the Small Group Learning initiatives are bearing early fruit with improved scores. With a nod toward the heightened awareness of school security, the High School has implemented student key fobs for entry, as well as an improved CCTV system, all made possible by a grant from Homeland Security.

In response to a question regarding the life expectancy of the High School, Bruce said that the State Fire Marshall has expressed some fire and safety concerns with some of SAU 23's buildings and has made recommendations regarding necessary improvements. Bruce said that these recommendations are going to be voted on by the Town of Haverhill residents.

The High School was professionally evaluated last year and no major issues were uncovered. Bruce said that the Bennett Building as well as the King St. School are not in great shape. There will be a Long Range Facilities Committee meeting in mid-April to review options for all SAU plant, whether to build new or fix up the old. One complication is the fact that the State has eliminated matching funds for new school construction. All new construction costs are now borne by the SAUs.

Bruce added that he has had discussions with some of the area school superintendents regarding collaboration on external services such as Physical Therapy in order to spread the costs of such services. A previous discussion resulted in a collaboration with BMU on sharing 3 school buses between the two entities.

Article then passed on a voice vote.

ARTICLE 7:

To see what sum of money the district will raise and appropriate for the support of schools, for the payment of salaries of school district officials and agents, and for the payment of statutory

obligations of the district. This article is exclusive of any other article on the warrant. (The school board recommends \$573,953.00)

Motion to accept article as written, seconded and discussion ensued.

Wayne Chevalier, chairman of the Benton School Board, lauded Bruce Labs' efforts in stemming cost increases. It was also explained that this budget request is much less than last year due to some of our students leaving the Town, as well as a deal made by the SAU management to cap Middle School tuition for Benton kids at \$9,000 as an incentive for us to continue sending all of our students to the SAU.

Article then passed on a voice vote.

ARTICLE 8:

To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate up to twenty-five thousand (\$25,000.00) dollars to be added to the previously established Benton Tuition and Education Expendable Trust Fund, such amount to be funded from the year-end undesignated fund balance available on June 30, 2014. (The School Board recommends this article.)

Motion to accept article as written, seconded and brief discussion ensued.

Article then passed on a voice vote.

ARTICLE 9:

To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Motion made to accept article as written, seconded, the article then passed on a voice vote.

Lara Saffo stated that she was stepping down with one year left in her term as she has been on the board for many years and would like a break. She recommended that we appoint Kristina Harris to serve the rest of her term (1 year).

The appointment of Kristina Harris for the remainder of Lara Saffo's term (1 year) was approved by voice vote. The School Board will formally appoint her to fill out Lara's term.

The assembly then gave a large round of applause to Lara for her long service on the school board.

The meeting adjourned at 7:49 PM. All new officers present were sworn in at the closing.

A true copy

Attest:

Michael P. Stiebitz

Michael Stiebitz

Benton School District Clerk

Benton, New Hampshire

**BENTON SCHOOL DISTRICT
SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2014**

The year saw a change in central office administration with the departure of long-time superintendent Bruce Labs and Finance Manager Pat Amsden. Replacing Mr. Labs as an interim superintendent is Dr. Donald LaPlante and taking over the business functions is Ms. Melissa Dunnet, Business Administrator.

To date, I have worked closely with the members of your school board and have greatly enjoyed our time together. Benton is indeed fortunate to have three dedicated, individuals who not only represent town interests well but also are greatly concerned for the welfare and success of your children.

As interim superintendent, I will be providing assistance to SAU 23 through the 2015-2016 school year. In that time I hope to work with all parties to update policies, seek creative cost-saving solutions while maintaining high academic standards for our students, and seek any and all ways in which to both streamline operations and improve instruction. I appreciate the trust placed in me and will do my best on behalf of the district and our students.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald A. LaPlante, Ed.D.

**SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT #23
REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT'S AND
BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR'S SALARIES**

One-half of the School Administrative Unit expenses are prorated among the school districts on the basis of equalized valuation. One-half is prorated on the basis of average daily membership in the schools for the previous school year ending June 30.

In July and August of 2014 an Interim Superintendent and Business Administrator were hired to fill the newly vacant positions for the 2014-15 school year; the Superintendent will receive a salary of \$85,000.00 and the Business Administrator will receive a salary of \$68,333.00 for the 2014-15 school year.

There is no Assistant Superintendent position at SAU 23 at this time. The table below shows the pro-ration of the salaries.

Superintendent Salary (Part-time)		
Bath	10,081	11.86
Benton	1,657	1.95
Haverhill Cooperative	55,633	65.45
Piermont	9,733	10.56
Warren	7,896	9.29
TOTAL	\$85,000	100%

Business Administrator Salary (Pro-rated)		
Bath	8,104	11.86
Benton	1,333	1.95
Haverhill Cooperative	44,724	65.45
Piermont	7,824	10.56
Warren	6,348	9.29
TOTAL	\$68,333	100%

HAVERHILL COOPERATIVE SCHOOL DISTRICT

TEACHER QUALITY REPORT FALL 2014

Education Level of Faculty and Administration at Each School

	BA	BA+15	MA	MA+30
WES Teachers	6.5	11	2	2
WES Administration			1	
HCMS Teachers	9	3.7	10.5	4
HCMS Administration			1	1
WHS Teachers	8	8.55	6.5	2
WHS Administration			1	1

Number of
Teachers with
Provisional (Intern)
Certification

Woodsville Elementary School	0
Haverhill Cooperative Middle School	1
Woodsville High School	3

Number of Core
Academic Courses
Not Taught By
Highly Qualified
Teachers

Woodsville Elementary School	0
Haverhill Cooperative Middle School	0
Woodsville High School	1

PARENTS RIGHT TO KNOW

As a parent, grandparent, aunt, uncle, or Legal guardian, you have the right to know:

1. Who is teaching your child;
2. The qualifications and experience of your child's teacher(s).

For information concerning your child's teacher(s), please contact the Superintendent's Office at:

SAU #23

2975 Dartmouth College Highway

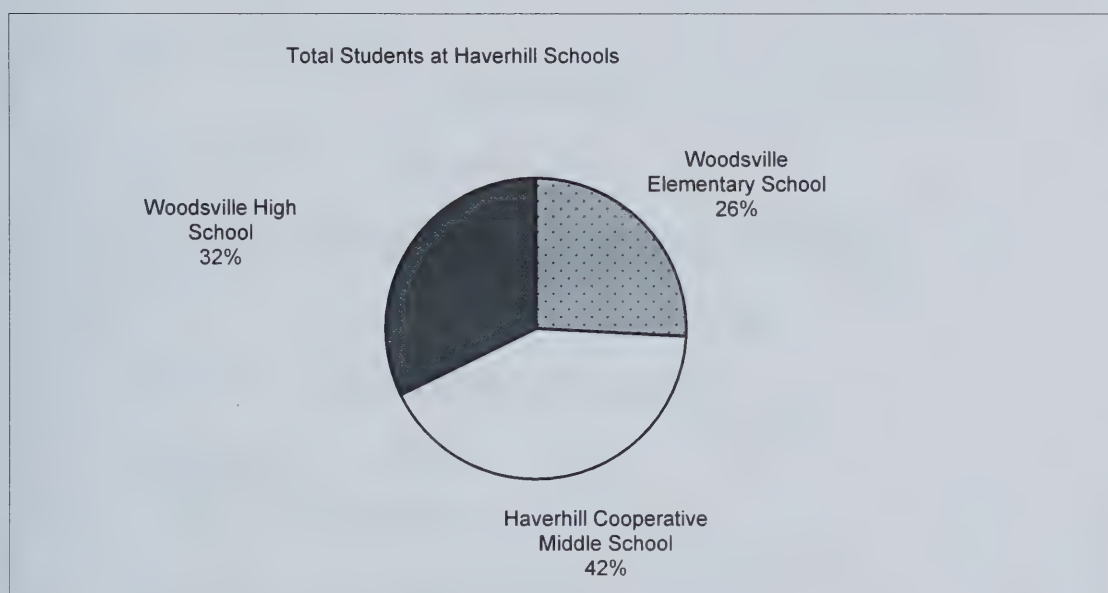
North Haverhill, NH 03774

603-787-2113

A copy of the Title One Report Card is available at each school

BENTON SCHOOL DISTRICT
TUITION STUDENTS
2013-2014

	<u>Total Students</u>	<u>Total Tuition Costs Per School</u>
Woodsville Elementary School	8	\$98,670.00
Haverhill Cooperative Middle School	13	\$160,699.50
Woodsville High School	10	\$113,799.60



TOTAL *	31	\$373,169.10
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* This includes the 10% discount because Benton sends all students to Haverhill

REPORT OF THE BENTON SCHOOL DISTRICT TREASURER

FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2013 TO JUNE 30, 2014

Cash on Hand, July 1, 2013	\$ 4,077.54
Total Revenues Received	644,996.63
Total School Board Orders Paid	(533,061.66)
Cash on Hand June 30, 2014	\$ 116,012.51

Maxine Tyler, School District Treasurer

BENTON SCHOOL DISTRICT REVENUES

BENTON SCHOOL DISTRICT

BALANCE SHEET

		GENERAL	TRUST FUND
	<u>Act.</u>	<u>Fund 10</u>	<u>Fund 70</u>
ASSETS			
Current Assets			
CASH	100	116,013	-
INVESTMENTS	110		67,779.48
INTERFUND RECEIVABLE	130		-

INTERGOVERNMENTAL RECEIVABLES	140	12,247	-
OTHER RECEIVABLES	150		-
PREPAID EXPENSES	180		-
Total Current Assets		128,260	67,779.48

LIABILITY & FUND EQUITY

Current Liabilities

INTERFUND PAYABLES	400	-	-
INTERGOVERNMENTAL PAYABLES	410	-	-
OTHER PAYABLES	420	(635)	-
ACCRUED EXPENSES	460		
PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	470		
DEFERRED REVENUES	480		
Total Current Liabilities		(635)	-

Fund Equity

COMMITTED FUND BALANCE	755	(25,000)	
RESERVED FOR SPECIAL PURPOSES	760	(90,929)	(67,779.48)
RETAINED FUND BALANCE	761	(11,696)	-

UNASSIGNED FUND BALANCE	770	-
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Total Fund Equity	(127,625)	(67,779.48)
Total Liabilities and Fund Equity	(128,260)	(67,779.48)

**BENTON SCHOOL DISTRICT
SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS
PREVIOUS TWO FISCAL YEARS PER RSA 32:11-a**

		<u>2012- 2013</u>	<u>2013-2014</u>
<u>Special Education Expenses</u>			
1200/1230	Special Programs	108,424	79,885
1430	Summer School	1,298	0
2150	Speech and Audiology	-	-
2162	Physical Therapy	3,892	2,407
2163	Occupational Therapy	5,973	5,386
2722	Special Transportation	8,272	6,425
Total Expenses		127,859	94,103
<u>Special Education Revenue</u>			
3110	SPED portion of State Adequacy	7,387	6,394
3230	Catastrophic Aid		
4580	Medicaid	25,337	14,500
Total Revenues		32,724	20,894

District Cost for Special Education	95,135	73,209
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**IDEA Entitlement Funds through
SAU23**

Part A - Preschool	0	0
Part B - Special Education	2,647	2,647

BENTON SCHOOL DISTRICT PROPOSED BUDGET 2015-16

Account	Description	FY15 Budget	FY16 Budget	Increase/ (Decrease)
10.6.1100.561.1.00000	EL REGULAR TUITION	\$73,710.00	\$98,280.00	\$24,570.00
10.6.1100.561.2.00000	MS REGULAR TUITION	\$175,489.00	\$166,143.00	(\$9,346.00)
10.6.1100.561.3.00000	HS REGULAR TUITION	\$121,095.00	\$148,005.00	\$26,910.00
10.6.1200.320.2.00000	SPED CONTRACTED SERVICES	\$0.00	\$44,980.00	\$44,980.00
10.6.1200.330.1.00000	EL PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	\$2,900.00	\$0.00	(\$2,900.00)
10.6.1200.330.2.00000	MS PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	\$460.00	\$920.00	\$460.00
10.6.1200.561.2.00000	MS SPECIAL ED TUITION	\$53,760.00	\$0.00	(\$53,760.00)
10.6.1200.562.3.00000	HS SPECIAL ED TUITION	\$1,000.00	\$1,752.00	\$752.00
10.6.1200.564.2.00000	MS SPED TUITION - PRIVATE	\$60,897.00	\$0.00	(\$60,897.00)
10.6.1230.564.2.00000	FRENCH POND TUITION	\$0.00	\$23,106.00	\$23,106.00
10.6.1300.562.3.00000	VOC ED TUITION	\$13,920.00	\$13,920.00	\$0.00
10.6.1430.561.2.00000	MS SUMMER TUITION	\$3,400.00	\$3,400.00	\$0.00
10.6.2159.330.2.00000	MS SUMMER SPEECH	\$495.00	\$495.00	\$0.00
10.6.2162.330.2.00000	MS PT	\$3,182.00	\$3,277.46	\$95.46
10.6.2163.330.2.00000	MS OT	\$6,962.00	\$7,170.86	\$208.86
10.6.2311.111.1.00000	EL SCHOOL BOARD SALARIES	\$228.00	\$228.00	\$0.00
10.6.2311.111.2.00000	MS SCHOOL BOARD SALARIES	\$216.00	\$216.00	\$0.00
10.6.2311.111.3.00000	HS SCHOOL BOARD SALARIES	\$156.00	\$156.00	\$0.00
10.6.2311.220.1.00000	EL SCHOOL BOARD FICA	\$17.00	\$17.00	\$0.00
10.6.2311.220.2.00000	MS SCHOOL BOARD FICA	\$17.00	\$17.00	\$0.00
10.6.2311.220.3.00000	HS SCHOOL BOARD FICA	\$12.00	\$12.00	\$0.00
10.6.2311.260.1.00000	EL SCHOOL BOARD WORKERS' COMP	\$95.00	\$95.00	\$0.00
10.6.2311.260.2.00000	MS SCHOOL BOARD WORKERS' COMP	\$90.00	\$90.00	\$0.00
10.6.2311.260.3.00000	HS SCHOOL BOARD WORKERS' COMP	\$65.00	\$65.00	\$0.00

10.6.2311.520.1.00000	EL SCHOOL BOARD LIABILITY INS	\$1,186.00	\$1,186.00	\$0.00
10.6.2311.520.2.00000	MS SCHOOL BOARD LIABILITY INS	\$1,123.00	\$1,123.00	\$0.00
10.6.2311.520.3.00000	HS SCHOOL BOARD LIABILITY INS	\$811.00	\$811.00	\$0.00
10.6.2311.540.1.00000	EL SCHOOL BOARD ADVERTISING	\$38.00	\$38.00	\$0.00
10.6.2311.540.2.00000	MS SCHOOL BOARD ADVERTISING	\$36.00	\$36.00	\$0.00
10.6.2311.540.3.00000	HS SCHOOL BOARD ADVERTISING	\$26.00	\$26.00	\$0.00
10.6.2311.640.1.00000	EL SCHOOL BOARD BOOKS	\$8.00	\$8.00	\$0.00
10.6.2311.640.2.00000	MS SCHOOL BOARD BOOKS	\$7.00	\$7.00	\$0.00
10.6.2311.640.3.00000	HS SCHOOL BOARD BOOKS	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$0.00
10.6.2311.810.1.00000	EL SCHOOL BOARD DUES & FEES	\$342.00	\$342.00	\$0.00
10.6.2311.810.2.00000	MS SCHOOL BOARD DUES & FEES	\$324.00	\$324.00	\$0.00
10.6.2311.810.3.00000	HS SCHOOL BOARD DUES & FEES	\$234.00	\$234.00	\$0.00

BENTON SCHOOL DISTRICT PROPOSED BUDGET 2015-16 (Continued)

Account	Description	FY15 Budget	FY16 Budget	Increase/ (Decrease)
10.6.2313.111.1.00000	EL TREASURER SALARIES	\$76.00	\$76.00	\$0.00
10.6.2313.111.2.00000	MS TREASURER SALARIES	\$72.00	\$72.00	\$0.00
10.6.2313.111.3.00000	HS TREASURER SALARIES	\$52.00	\$52.00	\$0.00
10.6.2313.220.1.00000	EL TREASURER FICA	\$6.00	\$6.00	\$0.00
10.6.2313.220.2.00000	MS TREASURER FICA	\$7.00	\$7.00	\$0.00
10.6.2313.220.3.00000	HS TREASURER FICA	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$0.00
10.6.2313.260.1.00000	EL TREASURER WORKERS' COMP	\$31.00	\$31.00	\$0.00
10.6.2313.260.2.00000	MS TREASURER WORKERS' COMP	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$0.00
10.6.2313.260.3.00000	HS TREASURER WORKERS' COMP	\$22.00	\$22.00	\$0.00
10.6.2313.534.1.00000	EL TREASURER POSTAGE	\$11.00	\$11.00	\$0.00
10.6.2313.534.2.00000	MS TREASURER POSTAGE	\$12.00	\$12.00	\$0.00
10.6.2313.534.3.00000	HS TREASURER POSTAGE	\$8.00	\$8.00	\$0.00
10.6.2313.610.1.00000	EL TREASURER SUPPLIES	\$8.00	\$8.00	\$0.00
10.6.2313.610.2.00000	MS TREASURER SUPPLIES	\$8.00	\$8.00	\$0.00
10.6.2313.610.3.00000	HS TREASURER SUPPLIES	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$0.00
10.6.2314.111.1.00000	EL DISTRICT MEETING SERVICES	\$23.00	\$23.00	\$0.00
10.6.2314.111.2.00000	MS DISTRICT MEETING SERVICES	\$22.00	\$22.00	\$0.00
10.6.2314.111.3.00000	HS DISTRICT MEETING SERVICES	\$16.00	\$16.00	\$0.00
10.6.2314.220.1.00000	EL DISTRICT MEETING FICA	\$2.00	\$2.00	\$0.00
10.6.2314.220.2.00000	MS DISTRICT MEETING FICA	\$2.00	\$2.00	\$0.00
10.6.2314.220.3.00000	HS DISTRICT MEETING FICA	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$0.00
10.6.2314.260.1.00000	EL DIST MEETING WORKERS' COMP	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$0.00
10.6.2314.260.2.00000	MS DIST MEETING WORKERS' COMP	\$9.00	\$9.00	\$0.00
10.6.2314.260.3.00000	HS DIST MEETING WORKERS' COMP	\$7.00	\$7.00	\$0.00
10.6.2317.330.1.00000	EL AUDIT SERVICES	\$274.00	\$274.00	\$0.00

10.6.2317.330.2.00000	MS AUDIT SERVICES	\$260.00	\$260.00	\$0.00
10.6.2317.330.3.00000	HS AUDITSERVICES	\$187.00	\$187.00	\$0.00
10.6.2318.330.1.00000	EL LEGAL SERVICES	\$95.00	\$95.00	\$0.00
10.6.2318.330.2.00000	MS LEGAL SERVICES	\$90.00	\$90.00	\$0.00
10.6.2318.330.3.00000	HS LEGAL SERVICES	\$65.00	\$65.00	\$0.00
10.6.2321.310.1.00000	EL SAU MGT SERVICES	\$5,688.00	\$4,421.52	(\$1,266.48)
10.6.2321.310.2.00000	MS SAU MGT SERVICES	\$5,388.00	\$8,843.03	\$3,455.03
10.6.2321.310.3.00000	HS SAU MGT SERVICES	\$3,892.00	\$6,316.45	\$2,424.45
10.6.2721.510.1.00000	EL PUPIL TRANSPORTATION	\$10,455.00	\$10,643.19	\$188.19
10.6.2721.510.2.00000	MS PUPIL TRANSPORTATION	\$9,905.00	\$10,083.29	\$178.29
10.6.2721.510.3.00000	HS PUPIL TRANSPORTATION	\$7,153.00	\$7,281.75	\$128.75
10.6.2722.510.2.00000	MS SPECIAL TRANSPORTATION	\$6,350.00	\$6,350.00	\$0.00
10.6.2723.510.3.00000	VOCATIONAL TRANSPORTATION	\$1,400.00	\$1,400.00	\$0.00
TOTAL:		\$573,953.00	\$573,240.55	(\$712.45)

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT #23 REVENUES

		BUDGET	BUDGET	
		<u>2014 - 2015</u>	<u>2015 - 2016</u>	<u>+/(-)</u>
LOCAL REVENUE OTHER THAN ASSESSMENT				
1320	Tuition - French Pond	174,144	184,846	10,463
1321	Tuition - King Street School	274,008	354,791	80,406
1325	Tuition - Summer School	12,997	12,900	(97)
1950	Itinerants - art, music, phys. Ed, tech, guidance	321,160	289,196	31,964
1951	Speech/ Language	313,341	320,836	7,250
1952	Physical Therapy	54,840	54,840	-
1953	Occupational Therapy	112,368	112,368	-
1510	Interest	100	100	-
	Bldg. & Grounds Director		71,975	71,975
	BMU		24,648	24,648
	Prior Year Carryover		280	280
	Use of Fund Balance	<u>94,681</u>	-	<u>(94,681)</u>
Total Other Revenue General Fund		1,357,639	1,426,780	68,280
1111	DISTRICT ASSESSMENTS	<u>809,082</u>	<u>1,004,134</u>	<u>195,052</u>
TOTAL GENERAL FUND REVENUES		2,166,721	2,430,914	263,332
TOTAL PROJECTED REVENUES FUND 22 - GRANTS		257,340	250,000	(7,340)
TOTAL SAU REVENUES INCLUDING GRANTS		2,424,061	2,680,914	255,992

DISTRICT ASSESSMENT SHARES AS DETERMINED BY NH RSA194-C:9

<u>District</u>	<u>2014 - 2015</u>	<u>2015 - 2016</u>	<u>+/(-)</u>
Bath	102,349	119,090	16,741
Benton	14,968	19,581	4,613
Haverhill	526,308	657,206	130,898
Piermont	90,051	114,973	24,922
Warren	<u>75,406</u>	<u>93,284</u>	<u>17,878</u>
TOTAL DISTRICT ASSESSMENTS	809,082	1,004,134	195,052

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT #23 APPROVED BUDGET - SUMMARY

Object	Description	FY14-15 Budget	FY15-16 Approved	+/-
1100	Itinerants	\$207,690	\$211,755	\$4,065
1230	French Pond	\$266,963	\$272,408	\$5,445
1231	King Street	\$238,255	\$257,371	\$19,116
1430	Summer Field Trips	\$11,412	\$11,440	\$28
1431	Summer Tutoring	\$1,585	\$1,460	(\$125)
2120	Guidance Itinerant	\$51,278	\$52,792	\$1,514
2125	Data Management	\$28,265	\$28,647	\$382
2150	Speech	\$307,735	\$320,836	\$13,101
2159	Summer Speech	\$7,250	\$7,250	\$0
2162	Physical Therapy	\$54,840	\$54,840	\$0
2163	Occupational Therapy/Psych Services	\$112,368	\$112,368	\$0
2213	Staff Development	\$200	\$200	\$0
2220	Technology	\$125,154	\$148,582	\$23,428
2260	Buildings and Grounds Supervisor	\$0	\$71,975	\$71,975
2311	School Board	\$6,279	\$6,279	\$0
2312	School Board Clerk	\$977	\$977	\$0

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT #23 APPROVED BUDGET - SUMMARY

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2313	Treasurer	\$3,379	\$2,779	(\$600)
2317	Audit Services	\$6,760	\$6,760	\$0
2318	Legal Counsel	\$800	\$800	\$0
2321	Central Office	\$470,959	\$577,280	\$106,321
2330	Special Education	\$186,651	\$204,219	\$17,568
2334	504 Coordinator	\$4,874	\$4,972	\$98
2540	SAU-Wide Public Relations	\$700	\$714	\$14
2620	Building (Custodial)	\$35,800	\$35,300	(\$500)
2640	Building (Maintenance)	\$6,120	\$9,120	\$3,000
2810	Research/Development	\$2,100	\$1,000	(\$1,100)
2820	Computer Network	\$28,038	\$28,040	\$2
2832	Recruitment Advertising	\$1,000	\$600	(\$400)
2835	Staff Physicals	\$150	\$150	\$0
Total:		\$2,167,582	\$2,430,914	\$263,332
GRANTS		\$257,340	\$250,000	(\$7,340)
GRAND TOTAL:		\$2,424,922	\$2,680,914	\$255,992

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